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City Residents Ask Away!

by Diane Oberg

Petitions were the order of the day at the February 13 council meeting, with eight petitions received. As is their usual practice, council took no action on these petitions but will consider them at future meetings, if council action is needed. (Council's response to a petition from Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice regarding a concept plan for the Lakeside North tract was reported in the February 16 issue.)

Reports of other issues and actions from this council meeting are reported separately.

Access to Metro

Greenbelt Station residents asked council to work with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and other authorities to develop and implement a viable, sustainable solution for providing them access to the Greenbelt Metro station. The petition noted that

the developers have long been promising potential buyers that a walking/biking path was to connect the south core to the station. The petition says the main issue is that WMATA will not permit construction over an easement it owns until the location of the FBI headquarters building has been determined. Meanwhile, the developers are running a shuttle to the station. Residents are concerned that when the developers turn operation of the community over to the homeowners association, continuing to operate that shuttle will be cost-prohibitive.

Concert Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band petitioned council to waive the matching requirement for the funds it provides for the band's director. Council has imposed a new requirement that any group receiving operating funds from

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Greenbelters' Radio Show Addresses Sight and Vision

by Matt Arbach

Greenbelters Reverend "Radio" Ray Raysor and his wife, Rene Sewell-Rayson know that getting older is accompanied by an increased risk of developing a disability. This can be a daunting and frightening prospect and one can often feel isolated and without support. Information on services, equipment and advice from those in the know is very often not readily on hand, yet is so vitally important. To alleviate this situation, they produce Sight 'n Vision and Senior Talk Radio. Their mission includes giving practical, detailed information concerning disability services and organizations and equipment, such as wheelchairs, canes, disabled-friendly vehicles, etc.; outreach and the creation of a system of support for those who feel isolated and alone; and exposure to significant legislation and program development for the disabled.

Even though their goal is to reach out to the entire spectrum of age and situation, "the target demographic is persons living with disabilities and seniors who may experience age-related limitations," according to their website, sightandvisionradio.com. Of frequent concentration are topics such as learning to read Braille or converting one's vehicle to accommodating a wheelchair. The radio programs often deal with the practical details and hands-on



PHOTO BY MATT ARBACH

Reverend Ray Raysor

necessities that make navigating a new set of physical challenges possible. They emphasize the need for developing ease with the internet and email (often a special difficulty for seniors), these now being the main conduits for finding essential information and services.

Raysor himself is blind. Having lost his sight at 13 through a childhood incident, he learned to cope and persevere and ultimately spent 37 years as a food contractor for the Randolph-Sheppard program, which provides vending opportunities for the blind on public and private properties. He is a pastor at Saint Didymus Interdenominational Church in Bladensburg, which focuses on the disabled. He says "The biggest challenge of blindness is getting people to accept that most things that I set out to do I can do given the training, the

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City Council Previews North Core Infrastructure Detailed Site Plan

by Kathleen Gallagher

Q: What's about 80 pages long on 11" x 17" paper and still needs a magnifying glass to read most of it? A: The North Core Infrastructure Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for the Greenbelt Station "town center" and Metro garage.

The North Core DSP was the topic of a January 30 worksession, in which city council met with city planning staff and Garth Beall, development manager for Renard Development Company, LLC. Beall and his group will develop the site if Greenbelt is chosen to be the new home of the FBI.

The area primarily covers the existing Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) parking lot and road facilities. It is a mixed-use transit-oriented development comprising private retail, residential apartments and hotel and office uses, as well as the parking facility for Metro commuters. As an infrastructure DSP, the document at this phase includes the roadways, utilities and site layout but no buildings or detail on private development on the site. It also includes tree conservation, landscape and stormwater management plans.

The target for a decision by the General Services Administration (GSA) on which of the three competing sites (Greenbelt, Landover or Springfield) will be

chosen for the FBI relocation has been pushed back a number of times. For a while, a final decision was expected to be announced in December of last year, but in October word came out that it would be delayed until March, placing it firmly within the bailiwick of the Trump administration.

According to Beall at the time of the meeting, GSA met with the bidders and was in the process of preparing for the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to reflect the added traffic impacts that would result from the increase in parking requirements of last year. He said GSA wants to make an announcement in early March, and it should be expected that once that occurs, there will be a relatively short time to go to closing. The significance of the latter is that having an approved DSP is a requirement for going to closing.

Community Planner Jessica Bellah presented the staff review

of the DSP. Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze and City Manager Nicole Ard were also present.

Bellah reported the city had been notified that the DSP was being submitted by Beall's group to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. A copy was also provided to the city, and review by the Advisory Planning Board (APB) and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) was in process. Although it is expected that review by the State Highway Administration (SHA) and WMATA will result in changes to the plan, the city is reviewing it as if it were a final design.

The staff recommendation was for council to approve the plan with some conditions. The report describes the overall plan as "well-conceived and meets the needs of many competing

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Council Discusses Crime, Police Staffing, Legislation

by Diane Oberg

The recent attempted and actual break-ins at Roosevelt Center along with concerns about other crime issues and police understaffing were discussed at the February 13 meeting of the City Council. In addition, two resolutions were introduced and council took positions on several pieces of state legislation.

Crime

The previous week, a vehicle had been driven into the Mini Mart at Roosevelt Center and the ATM stolen. Two unsuccessful attempts were also made to break into the Sunoco station on Centerway. (See story in February 16 issue.) In addition, there was a rash of driver's side air bag thefts in Greenbelt East.

Acting Chief Thomas Kemp

said that the air bag thefts appeared to be a one-time spike. They are easy to remove, he said, and disreputable auto shops can charge much more than they pay for the stolen bags. There are a variety of devices that drivers can purchase to prevent such thefts, he said.

In addition to the incidents above, officers were also dealing with a sexual assault in Franklin Park where, Kemp reported, police arrested a suspect within 35 hours.

The theft of ATMs is a region-wide issue, Kemp said. The department is reviewing camera footage and other information and is coordinating with other law

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Signs of spring, such as these purple crocuses, are beginning to appear in Greenbelt yards.

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

Thank you to GHI members and Friends of the Woodlands Committee for helping to map, maintain and name trails in the largest GHI woodland parcel, from Plateau Place to Laurel Hill Road. Your ingenuity at re-routing a dangerously eroded portion of the Canyon Creek Trail is especially appreciated. These efforts are a major contribution toward meeting the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Plan agreed upon by the State of Maryland and Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Kathie Jarva, Chair,
GHI Woodlands Committee

Another View

This is to address some points brought forward in a recent letter, ‘Observations on Council Meeting’, News Review 2/16/17.

First, to use ‘fire-branded’ language such as “lynched” and “scolded” is, to be sure, offensive. The community at large was just curious why council had not taken a position on the Lakeside North Development Concept. ‘Nuff said.

To state that there was “no project” minimizes reality. Call it a concept, a proposal or a project-matters little.

The drawings were struck, aerial photos taken and survey stakes pounded. Something was going on!

The writer also doubts the sincerity of Greenbelt Advocates. They set up shop at many Greenbelt gatherings from last spring through this winter, answering questions and informing the public. They took out ads in this newspaper. Was every HOA in town canvassed? That, I cannot speak to. But I can say that the community has been, in large part, kept up-to-date by the hard work of Greenbelt Advocates and its supporters.

Mark Hanyok

THANKS

I would like to thank Brian and Donna Almquist, co-founders of Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice, for all the work they did reaching out to the community to organize an effective movement to stop the proposed Lakeside North development. On Monday night (Feb. 13th) they were instrumental in packing the city council chambers

with concerned residents whose huge presence influenced council to oppose the high-rise development.

Brian and Donna spent over eight months on their campaign to stop the Lakeside North development. They wrote many letters and ads in the Greenbelt News Review and drafted the petition that ended up with over 600 signatures (to date). Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice reached out to all Greenbelt residents by holding five public events (two at the fire house, one at the library, one at the Labor Day Festival and one at Green Man Festival). They provided well researched factual information to residents and encouraged them to reach out to their representatives. Their petition was available at all of their events for those who wanted to sign. All events were free and well-advertised.

Thank you Brian and Donna for organizing and encouraging Greenbelt residents to make their voices heard. Thank you for providing a forum for our voices through your public events, letter writing initiatives and petition.

Susan L. Smithers

Greenbelters Step Up To Help Refugees

Thanks to all Greenbelters who responded to an earlier article in the Greenbelt News Review about the plight of refugees in our area. Donations totaling \$500 were collected and matched by the Roosevelt Democratic Club for a total of \$1,000 divided between Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Despite the Trump Administration ban and the situation in the courts which has left new refugee arrivals in a sort of limbo, help is needed for refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia who are already in Maryland. All refugees, who are mostly families with children, have been vetted for a period of 18 to 24 months by five different government agencies and most have been waiting in refugee camps for much longer than that.

Help is needed with transportation to medical appointments, etc., when mass transit is inadequate, mentoring

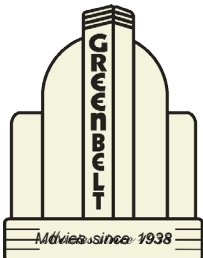
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Correction

The February 16, 2017, ERHS Celebrates High 2016 Graduation Rate story incorrectly identified the person in charge of Multiple Pathways at ERHS. The coordinator was Nicole Farrow.

City Notes

Horticulture/Parks Staff mechanically removed invasive species and corrected the shoulder slope of roadsides on Cherrywood Lane, installed an Adopt-A-Tree plaque at the Police Station, inspected hazardous roadside trees and contacted owners, removed a large, downed white pine with extensive root degradation at Schrom Hills Park, edged and mulched the landscaping at the Buddy Attick Park shoreline, designed the annual flower beds for common areas and around city buildings, designed a tree planting for Arbor Day and continued to work on the tree replacement plan. They also continued to make repairs to the roofs and structures for three city-owned bus shelters in Greenbelt East and made building repairs to the Beltsville gun range where the city police practice.



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Sat. 3:00, 5:45, 8:30 PM
Sun. 2:30 (OC), 5:15 PM
Mon. & Tues. 5:15 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

BOXTROLLS
(PG) (96 mins) - FREE!
Sat. 1:00 PM

A NIGHT WITH THE STARS
(240 mins) - FREE!
Sun. 8:00 PM

Storytime on Screen
(60 mins) - FREE!
Mon. 10:30 AM

Documentary Oscar Shorts:
PROGRAM A (76 mins)
Mon. 2:30, 8:00 PM
PROGRAM B (85 mins)
Tues. 2:30, 8:00 PM

DYING LAUGHING
(89 mins) Wed. 8:00 PM

LIVE ACTION OSCAR
SHORTS (134 mins)
Thurs. 2:30, 8:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



“I cannot tell a lie ... I bought this jacket at a Presidents Day sale!”

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Drop us a Line!

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On Screen

The American Dream, Revisited

Coming to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, February 24 is Fences, August Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize winning play, now a movie starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis. Washington and Davis give two nuanced, towering, fierce and tender performances as Troy Maxon and his wife Rose in 1950’s working class Pittsburgh.

Black language – freeflowing, poetic, witty, brutal, raunchy – is vividly front and center, especially as spilled out by Denzel Washington.

Illiterate garbage collector Troy Maxon played baseball in the Negro Leagues but was too old to make the Majors after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier. Complicated, bitter and jealous, Maxon blocks his son Cory’s (Jovan Adepo) chance to win a college football scholarship.

Echoes of Willy Loman’s failed American Dream (Arthur Miller’s Death of a Salesman) and Eugene O’Neill’s searing family “romances” haunt this exceptional drama. Its minute particulars give it universal resonance.

Director – Denzel Washington

Writer – August Wilson, based on his play

Running time: 138 minutes, Rating: PG 13

- Jim Link

Community Events

GCAN Hosts Talk On Transition Towns

On Wednesday, March 1, Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will present An Evening on Transition Towns with Ruah Swennerfelt and Transition Howard County in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Swennerfelt will speak about a movement called Transition Towns and her efforts to help that movement grow. The Transition Town Movement is about transitioning to a world that is less vulnerable to climate change and less dependent on fossil fuels. It invites people from all walks of life and political persuasions to come together to create vibrant, resilient communities.

The talk will resonate with anyone searching for ways to engage meaningfully in life-affirming grassroots work, and who needs a reason for hope.

Swennerfelt is an activist, homesteader, blogger and author of the book, *Rising to the Challenge: The Transition Movement and People of Faith*. She currently serves on the boards of Vermont Interfaith Power & Light and Transition Town Charlotte, Vermont. She is active with Transition U.S. and is helping to plan the first Transition U.S. national conference in July 2017.

Transition Howard County is the only active Transition Town in Maryland. Members will share examples of their current work groups and activities, including how they partner with numerous local organizations on sustainability efforts on everything from water and food to energy and economy.

As always, the last portion of the evening is reserved for announcements and updates on local and national issues GCAN is following. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

GCF Grant Writing Workshop

The Greenbelt Community Foundation is offering a free workshop to Greenbelt organizations and cooperatives interested in applying for a grant. The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station Meeting Room.

This workshop will use the GCF application form and focus on writing a successful application for funding for projects in Greenbelt. The spring grant application deadline is April 15.

To attend, please email info@greenbeltfoundation.net. For more information visit the GCF website at greenbeltfoundation.net.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet March 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center Art Gallery, Room 112. The agenda includes discussion of grant applications from the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt Arts Center. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison: ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

At the MakerSpace

This weather is amazing; enjoy the outside and then come see what the Greenbelt makers are working on.

Thursday, February 23: Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, February 24: Fermentation Fans from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 25: Open Projects

Sunday, February 26: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28: Chess Club from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

It's time to sign up for Spring Break Camp and the Maker Festival. Check the website at make125.org for details.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of February 27 are as follows:

Monday, February 27: apple juice, baked chicken with maple mustard sauce, mashed spiced yams, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, sliced peaches

Tuesday, February 28: orange juice, chicken gumbo, brown rice, mixed greens, cornbread muffin, fresh fruit

Wednesday, March 1: menu not available

Todd Turner Listening Session

Residents are encouraged to attend a listening session for community updates and discussion about District 4 priorities. Prince George's County Councilmember Todd M. Turner (D) will hold a series of Listening Sessions throughout the district's communities to hear directly from residents on issues of community concern. The meeting will include updates on District 4 priorities, the county's proposed Fiscal Year 2018 spending plan and the Blue Ribbon Commission's final report and recommendations.

A listening session will be held Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. There will be a final listening session on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Department, 11900 Glenn Dale Boulevard, in Glenn Dale.

For additional information, contact Tomeka Bumbry, District 4 chief of staff, at 301-952-3094, or tcbumbry@co.pg.md.us.

Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, February 25, Welcome to Washington. Learn how Greenbelt Park was established to provide overnight camping facilities for visitors to Washington, D.C. Come join the park ranger and learn about many historical points of interest in D.C. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

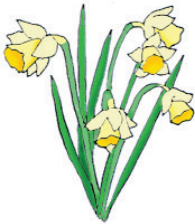
Sunday, February 26, Charles Young, Man of Courage. Celebrate Black History Month as we journey through the life of the first African-American superintendent in the National Park Service. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m.

Exploring Free Will Or The Lack Thereof

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Jim Link on Friday, February 24 at 1 p.m., exploring the questions: Are we the masters of our fate and the captains of our souls? Or are we merely dust in the wind, a prey to blind chance, without any control of our destinies? Come and find out what Baruch Spinoza, Arthur Schopenhauer, Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. thought and said about free will or the lack thereof.

Link is a popular Prince George's Community College SAGE instructor who has taught in Greenbelt for many years. His presentations and classes are always thought provoking, fun and informative.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Garden Club Meets For Plot Assignments

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting in Room 114 of the Community Center on Monday, March 6 beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend or have questions, contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

Preschool Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) will hold its annual open house on Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning September 2017.

GNS is a not-for-profit parent cooperative in its 75th year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. GNS offers classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the open house, view the classrooms, get information about the classes and meet the director, teachers and parents.

GNS is located in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. Free parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt Library. For more information, visit the school's website at greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call 301-474-5570.

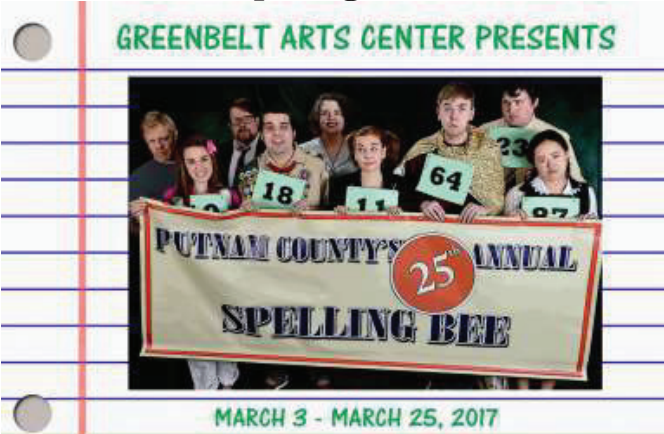
Utopia Film Festival Presents
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Beginning at 8 PM

“In the Magic of the Green Mountains (2014),”
“The Random Effect (2014),”
and “Planet You (2010)”

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Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING NEXT WEEK

The 25th Annual Putnam County
Spelling Bee



March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8PM
March 12, 19 at 2PM

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Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

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2/22
Weds.
@8pm

Mom's Night Out: Sisters! Fundraiser for:

2/25
Sat.
@1pm

Boxtrolls!



2/26
Sun.
@8pm

A Night with the Stars!

bingo!
posters!
trivia!



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technique and the technology.”

Consider the predicament of someone who has been successful and independent all their life, who out of nowhere is struck down with something like blindness, infirmity or mental illness. Where does one turn? How can they work as they once did? How does one manage to pay bills with a sudden decrease in financial resources? One can quickly feel alone and forsaken, taken drastically from the normal course of life. Many of the Raysors’ listeners share this experience and have become regular fixtures on their show, offering their stories, encouragement and wisdom. One listener in particular received his first-ever helping hand from hearing the radio show while living in Colorado. He now often calls in.

Disability affects not just the disabled, but of equal importance, the caregiver. The stress of providing assistance to a loved one demands time, patience and resources. One can often feel underappreciated and put-upon. The couple devotes many of their shows to this important issue.

The Raysors’ first radio show was done out of Silver Spring and began in September, 2012. Currently, their radio show is broadcast out of Baltimore, while two internet-radio shows are produced from their home in Franklin Park. Raysor is the brainchild, says Sewell-Rayson, as well as the main producer and interviewer. Sewell-Rayson assumes the duties of studio manager and guest researcher, in addition to some of the interviewing.

Raysor asserts the three-part mantra of every program: “informative, inspirational and entertaining.” A typical program often begins with what he calls “the good, the bad and the ugly,” a 15-minute, often humorous, run down of current developments in the world of the disabled. A regular segment as well are the adventures of Raysor and his seeing eye German shepherd, Ray-Tiko, as they navigate the travails of life. Both Raysors emphasize the fun aspect of their show, despite its serious subject matter.

Broadcasts frequently feature experts on various organizations such as the Social Security Administration and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. These organizations can be intimidating and confusing at first, and often require a professional to help navigate their procedures when the inevitable snags occur. Other organizations often featured are the D.C. Center for Independent Living, American Council for the Blind, the National Foundation for the Blind, Oneness Mobility and the D.C. Public Library, which offers programs for the blind.

Both Raysor and his wife stressed that of particular importance for them is not only

offering help to the disabled, but for the disabled to then become advocates for others with similar issues. It is their call to action, a regular part of every program. Says Raysor, “I challenge persons with disabilities to get involved in their community to raise the visibility and capabilities of persons with disabilities.”

The Sight ’n Vision and Senior Talk Radio shows can be heard on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. on harambee.radio.com, Fridays at 3 p.m. on blogtalk at radio.com/marketingpulpit, and every second and fourth Saturday at 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Praise 106.1. More information can be found at baltimorepraise.com.

NationalGalleryHostsTheHeartofaWoman

Carmen Balthrop, soprano, and José Cáceres, piano, will give a performance entitled The Heart of a Woman on Wednesday, March 1 at 12:10 p.m. in the West Building, West Garden Court of the National Gallery of Art.

The spirit of America has always been revealed through song. Be it religious, blues, comic or deeply plaintive, American music’s composers have always known how to write it down. In The Heart of a Woman, journey straight to the heart of America through the music of some of its greatest composers: Camille Nickerson, David DiChiera, Samuel Barber, Leslie Adams, Charles Davidson and Lee Hoiby.



Condolences to family and friends of Ronald Fluke, who died on February 5, 2017. He was preceded in death in January by his wife, Donna Fluke. The Flukes were long-time residents of Boxwood Village.

Congratulations to William (Billy) Rosenberg, who was awarded a 2016 Commissioners’ Engineering Scholarship worth \$1,000. Rosenberg, an honor graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is a freshman at the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland College Park, specializing in mechanical engineering.

Congratulations to Edward Jahoda who won the grand prize in the science fair at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. His experiments related to Benford’s Law in mathematics. Benford’s Law, for readers not mathematically fully informed, states that in many naturally occurring collections of numbers, the leading significant digit is likely to be small.

Please share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending complete details on your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

GCCServesPancakes

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be served at Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ on Tuesday, February 28. The dinner is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



“God has created the world as one—the boundaries are marked out by man.” - Baha’i Writings

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

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Delegate Washington Urges Action on Immigration Issues

by Nancy Solomon

State Delegate Alonzo Washington filled the New Deal Café’s back room as he held a Table Talk about immigration issues on February 18. In addition to many citizens, the audience included Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmember Judith Davis and County Councilmember Todd Turner.

Washington specifically asked folks to come to Annapolis to support proposed Maryland Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act (SB0835 in the Senate and HB1362 in the House) on February 21 for the Senate public hearing and on February 28 for

the House public hearing. Hearings are at 1 p.m. Washington suggested getting there at 11 a.m. to sign up to speak.

He provided this synopsis of legislation: “Prohibiting a specified government agent from taking specified actions for immigration enforcement purposes; prohibiting a law enforcement official from stopping, arresting, searching or detaining an individual for purposes of investigating a suspected immigration violation or inquiring about specified matters; requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop and adopt model policies for a specified purpose; etc.”

In addition, many nonprofit groups were represented including International Rescue Committee, CASA, Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers and Liberty’s Promise. These representatives explained what “hands on” needs they had in terms of volunteers, etc., to help new refugees and existing immigrants in this area. One speaker spoke about President Trump’s executive orders on immigration issues (particularly Travel Ban & Priorities Memo).

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper at Mowatt

On Shrove Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will host its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. All are welcome. Shrove (or Fat) Tuesday is recognized annually the day before Ash Wednesday. Christians everywhere prepare for Lent by cleaning out their larders of excesses such as eggs, flour and milk. Come share at 40 Ridge Road. For more information, call 301-474-9140.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.
Sunday breakfast with Pastor Fay 8:30.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



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February 26 10 a.m.
"The Workshop of Our Common Endeavor"

The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE; Van Summers, Worship Associate; and the Choir
Building and maintaining a beloved community of memory and hope demands much of us, and brings much joy and beauty into our lives.

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

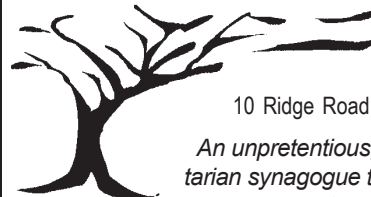


1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org



Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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Municipal Building

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Create Mosaic, Encounter Adventure

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program invites guests to collaborate in the creation of a colorful mosaic for public display using recycled bottle caps as tiles. All ages are invited to participate in this free Community Art Drop-In workshop on Sunday, March 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. The workshop will be led by Karen Arrington, one of seven artists in residence with studios at the center. All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.

Following the workshop, stay for a 3 p.m. ticketed performance of Buried Treasure, the 2017 Greenbelt Youth Musical. Encounter gnomes, dragons, pixies and more in a moving tale of underground adventure suitable for audience members of all ages. Advance ticket purchase is recommended; for assistance, contact the Community Center business office at 301-397-2208.

For more information about City of Greenbelt arts programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts and follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

At the Library

Jazz Storytime

Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. Bring your preschooler and join us for stories, songs and more with a focus on famous African American jazz artists.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Ages 3 to 5: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., Mondays at 7 p.m., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Ages 2 to 3: Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m., Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. Newborn to age 2: Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

With Pen in Hand. Adults, Monday, March 6, 7 p.m. Novice to experienced writers are welcome to find their creative voice through writing. Share ideas, be inspired and participate in group critiques. All genres welcome.

Crazy 8s! Season 4 (Grades 3 to 5). Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Crazy 8s is an after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music and make a mess. Contact staff for registration information.

African History and Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., Forgotten Fighters: African Americans and World War I, presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, February 27, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
- Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Consultant Work to Develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan for the City of Greenbelt from Green-Play, LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50,000
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Landscaping Services from Lorenz Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$47,984
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Audit Services for FY 2017
- State Legislation
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- State Legislation
- * - Referral to the Advisory Committee on Trees
- * - Renewal of County Liquor Licenses
- * - Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * - Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2017

BURIED TREASURE

An Underground Musical Adventure

Greenbelt Community Center Auditorium
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Saturday, March 4, 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 5, 3:00 pm
Saturday March 11, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Josh is as brave as a lion, Harriet is as wise as an owl, and Miranda is always as good as gold – or so they think, until an adventure in the Underworld challenges their surface notions and impels the trio to a deeper understanding of courage, wisdom, and goodness. In a world where dragons and gnomes are real, can three high-school kids break a spell of ignorance and rescue Sophia, the Underworld’s rightful queen?

Tickets: \$5 Advance sales at 301-397-2208

DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations

<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>
Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
or until the truck is full.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Ctr.

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at
301-474-8308

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF FEB. 27-MAR. 3

Monday, February 27 at 7:30pm, **CERT MEETING**, at the Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Special election of Volunteer Manager leadership position, Discussion of membership categories, reports and new business.*

Monday, February 27 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, February 28 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Open Forum report, FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Not For Seniors Only and Spring programs and registrations.*

Tuesday, February 28, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building (library), 25 Crescent Road. 7:00pm Meeting w/Facilitators; 7:45pm Regular meeting. *On the Agenda: Educator Awards - Preparations, Starter Kits for PTAs, and Updates – Report on voting age petition, Program with Berwyn Heights, Grants*

Tuesday, February 28 at 7pm, **COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER TODD TURNER’S LISTENING SESSION** at Municipal Building (Council Room), 25 Crescent Road. 7:00pm Meeting w/Facilitators; 7:45pm Regular meeting. *The “Listening Session” will provide an update on District 4 priorities and achievements, FY18 Budget, the Blue Ribbon Commission report, and discuss issues that are important to you and your community.*

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles, Making a video of Green Team activities, Upcoming activities.*

Wednesday, March 1: **No Council Meeting**

Detailed agendas are posted on www.greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.
For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In

Sunday, March 5
1-3pm. Free. Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Ph. 301-397-2208

Sponsored by: The City of Greenbelt, Maryland. Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program.
PRESS CONTACT: Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov

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REGISTER FOR GREENBELT RECREATION

CAMP PROGRAMS

Registration open for all

Resident registration is now open to all for Greenbelt’s popular camp programs for children ages 3½-14. Spring Camp, Spring Circus Camp and Fast Break Basketball Clinic are available during Spring Break.

Choose from Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Youth on the Go, Creative Kids Camp, Performance Camp, Camp Encore, and Circus Camp in the Summer. Also available are Before and After Care, and a variety of After Care Classes.

**Download brochure at www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps
Info: 301-397-2200**

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- + Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine
- + Comprehensive Orthopedic Services
- + Doctors Community Breast Center
- + Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care Center (transitional care)
- + Doctors Community Surgical Associates
- + Doctors Regional Cancer Center
- + Emergency Department (24/7)
- + Imaging Services
- + Infusion Center
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- + Sleep Center
- + Vascular Health Program

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SAGE Students, Instructors Return for More Classes

by Julie Depenbrock

The students – aged 60 and older – gathered in classrooms in the Community Center last week for another trimester of Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally, better known as SAGE. Some were drawing, others meditating, speaking Spanish or learning about Broadway musicals. “I started working for the city in 1988 and they had two SAGE classes. We now have over 30,” said Karen Haseley, therapeutic recreation supervisor for the City of Greenbelt.

SAGE courses typically have 13 to 15 class days over seven weeks, Haseley said. For a fee of \$75 per trimester to Prince George’s Community College, students can take as many classes as they want. The city receives no monetary compensation.

One SAGE instructor, Susan Crane, has been an art teacher for 30 years. She started teaching SAGE courses about a decade ago, stepping in for a friend diagnosed with breast cancer. The friend got better – and Crane stuck with SAGE.

Crane, who has a paint studio, initially worried that the busy teaching schedule – private lessons as well as group courses at



Ellen Lee, Bob Rudd and Kathy Perkinson study drawing in a SAGE class on February 21.

Riderwood and Greenbelt – might interfere with her own art. Turns out, it had the opposite effect. Crane said, “I’m more tired, but it hasn’t crippled my creativity. If anything, it’s expanded what I know of art.” In her class, Crane sees a lot of returning students, a theme common among SAGE teachers.

Kathy Perkinson is in Crane’s Tuesday drawing class, which has a mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced artists. Perkinson used to sketch a lot in her twenties. “I’m in my sixties now,” she said. “I’m returning to it.”

Among the most popular SAGE classes are yoga and meditation. One trimester, Haseley taught a yoga class with more than 40 students. “That was a challenge,” she said. A typical class has between 12 and 15 students.

Katrina Boverman started teaching SAGE meditation courses in 2011. She was a social worker for several decades before she turned to meditation and earned a masters in applied healing art. “The purpose of my class is to have a chance to be quiet, go still and go within,” Boverman said. She too has a core group that has been coming back to her classes for years. Boverman said that teaching her SAGE students has helped her find peace. “Just getting prepared for the class helps me to become more peaceful, more centered and more focused.”

Registration for SAGE courses is closed for the spring trimester. A more limited number of courses will be offered in the summer, Haseley said, due to the camps and recreation activities that take over in the warmer months.

Julie Depenbrock is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Legion Auxiliary Member Honored by Maryland Vets

by Butch Hicks

Over the years the Greenbelt American Legion’s Auxiliary Unit has participated in numerous local community fundraising events and assisted communities conducting clothing and food drives for needy families. In addition to community charity activities, a core support element of the Auxiliary unit is veterans programs such as the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET), located in Baltimore.

Sandi Dutton, a long-time member of the Greenbelt Auxiliary and past national Auxiliary president, was recently recognized by MCVET in a 21 Gun Salute. The award recognizes her service to the 21-year-old program that, through counseling, training and education, helps homeless and other men and women veterans rejoin their communities as productive citizens.

The facility’s executive director, Jeff Kendrick, said, “Sandi’s leadership as president of MCVET’s board of directors enhanced program operations and, through collaboration with Maryland and national veterans organizations, bolstered MCVET’s national reputation for service to homeless veterans.” According to MCVET’s statistics, the cen-



Sandi Dutton (left) with Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Maryland Delegate during Pena-Melnyk’s visit to the Maryland center for Veterans Education and Training located in Baltimore

ter daily serves more than 200 veterans from around the United States.

“The MCVET program is essentially an opportunity for character transformation,” Dutton said. “MCVET gives them an opportunity to improve their education, work and social skills. When they graduate they have the tools they need to continue the process of becoming productive members of their communities. I look forward to continuing my participation in the MCVET program that is accomplishing so much assisting our veterans.”

Butch Hicks is the public affairs coordinator for Post 136.

Spotted in Key West, Florida

This Greenbelt sign (half way down the post, under Havana) was spotted in Key West, Florida. According to contributors to the Greenbelters facebook page, the sign was put up by former Greenbelter Bobby Mongelli, who now owns the Hog Fish Restaurant in Key West.



PHOTO BY ALLISON CALDERA

THE ARMOR OF LIGHT

THE FILM IS A COURAGEOUS LOOK AT OUR FRACTURED POLITICAL CULTURE, AND AN ASSERTION THAT IT IS, INDEED, POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER ACROSS DEEP PARTY LINES TO FIND COMMON GROUND.

Hope you will join us at the showing on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building. The address is 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD 20770. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

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Day at the Movies
Sunday, February 26 | 3:00 p.m.

Join the Arbor Terrace Team for a “Day at the Movies” to watch *Hidden Figures*, a story near and dear to the Greenbelt community.

Meet us at Arbor Terrace Senior Living at 1:15 p.m. for complimentary transportation to the show, and don’t forget your ticket!

Interested in coming?
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Volksmarchers Walk Greenbelt

On Saturday, March 18 the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, in celebration of their 30th and Greenbelt’s 80th anniversary, will hold Walk Greenbelt as Designed 80 Years Ago and Greenbelt Now. There will be options for 5K and 10K walks, difficulty level rated 2B.

The walks will begin in front of the Youth Center. Walkers must start between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and finish by 4 p.m. Two loops, each 5K, will feature Old Greenbelt and its garden paths or newer areas with their garden paths and the lake. Both trails are on sidewalks with natural surfaces with small hills, presenting some difficulty for strollers and wheelchairs.

The walks are free; there are fees for new walker packets, International Volksmarch credit and event books.

For more information, call Yvonne Pennington at 301-431-6668, GreenbeltMVA@gmail.com, or visit [ava.org](#) or [mdvolks.org](#).

Stuff a Bus Collects Food for the Homeless

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) is showing love in February to the Capital Area Food Bank and students served through the system’s Homeless Education Office as part of its Giving Together community service initiative.

On Saturday, February 25, PGCPS will host a Stuff-a-Bus event to collect nonperishable food items and school supplies at Wegmans Woodmore, 9001 McHugh Drive, Lanham, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Requested donations include canned fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, dried beans, cereal, peanut butter, juice, granola bars and raisins.

School supplies (composition books, three-ring binders, dividers, notebook paper, crayons, pens and pencils) are also being collected.

Giving Together, launched late last year, engages students, staff and school communities in coordinated monthly service activities such as donation drives and fundraisers. The campaign also aims to raise awareness of social issues and health concerns. The February awareness campaign has focused on preventing heart disease and stroke in collaboration with the American Heart Association.

With assistance from local nonprofits, businesses and organizations, Giving Together mobilizes more than 200 schools and centers, over 131,000 students and approximately 19,000 employees to support individuals and groups in need throughout Prince George’s County.



Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players 13-15
And 16-19

Call Ian at
240-305-7458

Snippets from the Past

Measles Reach Epidemic Point in Greenbelt

With 85 cases of measles reported up to Wednesday night Greenbelt finds itself faced with the worst epidemic in its history. Dr. William Eisner, acting director of public health for the town, took action early in the week to check the spread of the highly contagious disease by requesting all children who have not yet had the American measles to be kept home from school and isolated for 17 days, the length of time for exposure to result in appearance of symptoms.

Dr. Eisner indicated that the number of cases was still on the increase, and that cases in increasing severity were appearing as the disease passed from one carrier to another. He commented on the large number of cases appearing along the entire Eastern Coast, and stressed the necessity of prompt reporting of new cases and of strict quarantine in order to prevent possible deaths either from measles or from pneumonia and other complications which often follow.

Symptoms Described

In the early stages of measles symptoms are similar to those of the common cold – running nose, sore throat and a cough, running eyes and a fever. The rash appears later. It is during the early stage that measles are most contagious and Dr. Eisner reported that many children with apparent colds have been allowed to play with others or go to school. This he claimed, was responsible for most the present local cases.

Although three to five new cases are appearing daily, Dr. Eisner was firm in stating that the spread of measles here can be eliminated in 17 days if parents will see that their children not only stay home from school, but remain isolated from others for that length of time.

Serum Available

“There is a serum available for use against measles.” Dr. Eisner told the Cooperator. “Children who have been exposed to a case of measles should receive serum within two to four days after the rash in the case of measles to which they have been exposed. The result will be a very mild attack of the disease free from complications for these protected children,” he said. All physicians have this serum available.

“There is a way to prevent an attack of measles for children who are delicate or who are under two years of age.” Dr. Eisner added. “This serum confers immunity for only three or four weeks, however.” Those residents unable to afford the cost of serum are invited with him to discuss the use of parent blood for immunization.

In addition to measles, cases of chickenpox are also beginning to appear.

From the Greenbelt Cooperator, February 27, 1942

2017 Softball Season

Men 60 years of age and up
Women 50 years of age and up
play softball twice a week during the summer with the...

GREENBELT SENIOR SOFTBALL TEAM

Information contact:
George Harrison (301) 538-3636 – Manager
Jasper Pendergrass (301) 248-8462 – Assistant Manager





Greenbelt Youth Baseball Registration 2017 Spring Season

Onsite on Saturday, January 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and March 4th (10am - 12 pm)
@ Greenbelt Youth Center and Springhill Lake Youth Center
(Bring a copy of Child’s Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Online through May 7th @ [greenbeltyouthbaseball.splay.com](#)

*Residents: \$60 Early Bird, \$70 after March 5 (\$50 for each additional sibling)
*Non-Residents: \$80 Early Bird, \$90 after March 5 (\$50 for each additional sibling)

Limited Scholarships are available.

For more information please:
Email [greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com](#)
Phone League Secretary Lance Beasley at 202-391-7320
We are always looking for Coaches, Board Members, and Volunteers; please contact us for more information.

Hablamos Español! Llamor 301-536-8059

Letters continued

English language practice and food shopping, and funds are always needed. Refugees are expected to be independent in three months. Imagine yourself and your family in this situation. LSS and IRC use private donations to extend government funds and to assist refugees with the goal of independence in six months.

LSS is working with refugees in Hyattsville and Riverdale. There are security requirements. You must apply online at [LSSN-CA.org](#) and pay a one-time fee of \$30 for a background check. Sara and Austin Henry (301-552-0042) of the Roosevelt Club will be working with LSS and St. Ambrose Catholic Church-Cheverly which has an active refugee program going in Hyattsville and Riverdale. You will be contacted when help is needed after you fill out the required form online.

If you prefer to work with IRC, call their Silver Spring office at 301-562-8633 for work with refugees in the Silver Spring area.


Do you know where your ancestors came from? Think about it. Many came from Europe penniless, lacking education and with a religion that was not accepted in the U.S. at the time they came. Think about what kind of country you want the United States to be. Now let’s get busy and put our convictions to work!


Sara Hale Henry

Wild Wolves Program

On Monday, February 27 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., kids ages 5 to 7 can discover how wolves survive in the wild and learn what makes them such wonderful wild creatures.


Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](#).





PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, March 2, 2017

- GHI Executive session Meeting (Closed to Members) – Begins at 7.00 p.m.**
 - Approval of Minutes: Executive Session Meeting held on February 2, 2017
 - Contract in the Negotiation Stage for Repairs and Improvements of a Unit
 - Discussing matters pertaining to personnel
- GHI Open Session – Begins after the GDC Open session meeting**
 - Approval of Minutes: Special Open Session Meeting held on February 2, 2017
 - Approval of Minutes: Regular Open Session Meeting held on February 2, 2017
 - Buildings Committee’s Proposal for Revisions to the Member Handbook Rules, Paragraph X.D. Construction Specifications
 - ARC’s Recommendation re: Roof Shingle Colors for Frame Homes
 - ARC’s Report re: Review of two rain barrels proposed for use in GHI by the City of Greenbelt’s Sustainability Coordinator
 - Communications Committee’s Recommendations for increasing member feedback and meeting participation using technology
 - Companion Animal Committee’s Proposal to collaborate with the City on an Education Program about Pet Sanitation Requirements
 - Companion Animal Committee’s Proposal to initiate a ‘Yellow Dog Program’
 - Review draft of the Revised Fee Deferral Policy submitted by the Finance Committee
 - Establish final date for Members to return survey forms and Fee-for- Service Proposals for the 2017 phase of the Homes Improvement Program
 - Proposed revisions to GHI’s Bylaws
 - Draft agenda for the May 11th Annual Membership Meeting
 - Items of Information:
 - PG County’s Pet Waste Summit
 - WMCCAI Training Program re: Budgets & Reserves Studies on March 21st



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to [http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form](#), or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website: [www.ghi.coop](#)

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault
February 11, 12:11 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A worker at Subway sandwich shop said a man made a purchase, then attempted to leave the store without paying for additional merchandise he took from the rack. When confronted by the shop worker, the man became disorderly, threw a child’s toy at the shop worker that struck him in the head before leaving. The worker was not injured. The suspect is described as black, 28 to 35 years of age, 6’ to 6’2” tall, 160 pounds, wearing a grey sweatshirt, a black jacket and blue jeans.

Robbery
February 14, 5:32 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A man said that he was walking to his vehicle when he was assaulted from behind by as many as four people. The men punched and kicked the man several times, took his cell phone and then fled. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.

Vandalism
February 10, 12:06 a.m., 11 Crescent Road. Three young men entered the Greenbelt Library, entered a vacant room, discharged a fire extinguisher and then fled. They are described as black, 12 to 16 years of age; one male was wearing an orange hooded sweatshirt with Denver Broncos on the front and orange sneakers, another was wearing a red T-shirt, blue jeans and red sneakers and one black female was wearing a black coat with fur on the hood, army fatigue leggings and tan boots.

February 10, 7:00 p.m., 100 block Westway. Someone threw eggs at the balcony door of a residence.

February 12, 2:34 a.m., 44 Court Crescent Road. A 43-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with malicious destruction after he was observed by an officer vandalizing stop signs with spray paint. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary
February 11, 7:30 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A residence was entered by forcing open the front door and then through a locked bedroom door.

Trespass
February 13, 8:36 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 27-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass by officers responding to a report of someone sleeping in a hallway. The man was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI
February 10, 1:22 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A 29-year-

old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges as a result of officers investigating a traffic accident. The man was released on citations pending trial.

Theft
February 11, 7:00 p.m., 100 block Centerway. Money was taken from an unattended book bag at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.
February 10, 8:00 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was removed from the front stoop of a residence.
February 10, 11:59 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An unattended, unsecured blue Manga brand BMX boy’s bicycle was taken from the courtyard area.

February 13, 8:30 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Clothing and a wallet were taken from a locker at LA Fitness.

February 14, 12:50 a.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. Three non-resident men were arrested and charged with two counts of theft and two counts of conspiracy to commit theft. A pharmacist at a CVS said that two men entered the store and approached the counter, while the other two drove up to the drive-through window and began speaking with the pharmacist. The two men in the store then jumped the counter and took a quantity of pharmaceutical medicine and exited the store, got into the vehicle with the other two men and fled. A Prince George’s County police officer observed the vehicle and followed them onto the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, joined by Greenbelt officers. The vehicle was stopped in the area of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Landover Road; the men were arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes
February 12, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. The registration month sticker was taken from a license plate on a vehicle.
February 12, 6000 block Springhill Drive. A 2015 Toyota Camry was stolen and recovered the same day by the Prince George’s County police department in the 100 block of Daimler Drive, Capitol Heights. There were no arrests.

February 12, 7800 block Mandan Road. A vehicle’s driver’s window was broken and microfiber towels were taken.

February 14, 7100 block Mathew Street. A vehicle’s driver’s window was broken but nothing was taken.

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interests in a project site with severe space constraints.” Bellah added that Green ACES will raise some concerns about stormwater management, the APB is placing its emphasis on the bike infrastructure.

Bellah presented a slide show demonstrating the mindboggling confluence of state, city and private roadways, as well as pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths that will have to live together as peaceful neighbors in the ultimate plan. She also described the eight-story parking deck that will have to be one of the very first construction projects so Metro can continue to run when its existing parking lot becomes unavailable.

Councilmember Edward Putens emphasized the need for exceptionally good signage to be developed that would give people adequate warning of when they need to change lanes or make turns. Bellah agreed and also described the physical barriers that in some areas would separate pedestrians, bicycles and cars.

One item Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis pressed was the importance

of maintaining the walkway that comes through to the station from North College Park, not only for access to the Metro Station but also to any available businesses. Davis asked if there could be an enclosed area for bicycle parking, similar to the one at the College Park Metro Station. Bellah confirmed that was the intention and that it would be located quite close to the Metro.

Although this plan was not one that included architectural or aesthetic detail, councilmembers asked about possibilities for art or decoration both inside the station and outside the parking deck. Beall said his group had made a number of suggestions of that type but so far they were finding it difficult to deal with WMATA on anything that might be thought of as creative or pricey. He assured council they would continue to be aware of this issue since they too believe it to be important to the quality of the development.

Regarding the stormwater management issues, there is a concept plan that is still in force but predates any plan for the FBI building. Although the coun-

ty will not require it, the city believes it should be revised. Beall said they have proceeded all along with the idea of meeting upgraded stormwater management requirements.

“We are committed to exceeding the legal requirements,” he said, adding that they will give the city the right to approve those plans.

Toward the end of the meeting, Patricia Walters, a resident of the South Core of Greenbelt Station, asked about the extension of Greenbelt Station Parkway into the North Core. Craze told her that it depends on the FBI moving in. Beall added that the funding would be from the SHA. There was a moment of silence while everyone pondered the things that would not happen if the FBI does not move in. Beall explained that WMATA has no plans to transfer the land or make any changes in the absence of the FBI relocation and his group has no commitment or ability to do any other project there.

In the meantime, plans will continue to be developed and reviewed – but with a lot of fingers crossed.

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enforcement agencies.

Councilmember Judith Davis reported that there has also been a spike in car break-ins to steal handicapped parking placards and puncture vehicle gas tanks. Kemp had no further information other than that the police were working on the gas tank issue, which he deemed “strange.”

Staffing
Kemp also addressed the concerns about police staffing raised by Councilmember Rodney Roberts as well as on social media. Of the 53 authorized sworn officer positions, six are currently vacant and six officers are on light duty or leave due to injury or maternity leave.

The department has initiated several changes in procedure to help speed the hiring of new officers, Kemp said. They are now advertising and recruiting experienced officers separately from new officers. This allows the department to fast-track the hiring of experienced officers who can be put on the street sooner. The department has also re-hired some retired officers to perform the necessary background checks on applicants and implemented a \$250 incentive program for referral of a successful officer candidate.

Legislation
Council introduced for first reading resolutions to authorize the negotiated purchase of consultant work to develop a recreation and park facilities master plan from GreenPlay LLC at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 and to authorize the negotiated purchase of landscaping services from Lorenz, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$47,984.

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State Legislation
In a series of unanimous votes, council indicated its support for five bills under consideration by the state legislature. These bills would prohibit parking a non-electric vehicle in a designated electric vehicle charging space, establish a task force to make recommendations regarding bicycle safety on state highways, prohibit housing discrimination based on source of income (such as Section 8 housing vouchers), forgive income tax overpayments made to counties and municipalities by the state and limit the routine use of antibiotics for animals on large farms.

Genealogical Society Meets March 1

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

This month, professional genealogist Chuck Mason will discuss Research in Washington, D.C.: Using Lesser Known Research Facilities. This promises to be very helpful information for anyone researching family records in the metropolitan area.

For more information, visit pgcgs.org or call the PGCGS library at 301-262-2063 or like the society on Facebook at [facebook.com/pgcgenealogy](https://www.facebook.com/pgcgenealogy).

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the city must match that donation from its own funds. The band requests that the matching requirement be waived for the \$3,600 provided to pay the director and retain the \$1,000 received for other expenses.

The Arts Advisory Board has reviewed the band's request and recommends that it be considered during the budget process. Councilmember Leta Mach asked City Manager Nicole Ard to look into whether the band director should be paid as a contract employee of the city as is already the practice for swim coaches.

Trees

Council received letters from students at Springhill Lake Elementary asking for trees that they can plant at the school. Ard reported that the Public Works Department is already working on this request.

Bob Snyder asked that the Advisory Committee on Trees be expanded to include more than three citizen members. It is not right, he said, to limit citizen input to just three residents.

Smoking

Green Ridge House residents requested that council retain their smoking area. In their January 12 petition, they said that there is now a suggestion that the smoking area be eliminated effective

February 1, 2017. Residents argued that it would be unsafe to force senior and disabled citizens to go across Ridge Road to smoke, particularly after dark or in bad weather, and that the existence of smoking areas was a factor in some residents choosing to move to Green Ridge House.

Other Petitions

Colin Byrd called on council to be open with citizens about the parties and issues involved in the potential litigation that was the subject of a recent executive session. Bill Orleans also requested information regarding who was potentially suing or being sued by the city.

Byrd noted that the test results he received in response to his earlier petition regarding water quality were from 2014 and performed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. He called upon council to have more frequent, independent testing of water in the city.

Michael Hartman asked council whether it supported legislation establishing Maryland as a Sanctuary State. Council has not yet reviewed the legislation. On a related issue, Bernard Brown asked what the city can do to protect its residents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids.



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Greenbelt Nursery School staffer Prisca Mpanda on marathon race relay team Amani Group is near the start of the marathon running up Northway.



On February 14, the News Review faced a swarm of cupids, also known as students in the Greenbelt Nursery School. The students delivered handmade valentines to many people in the Community Center.



Work is underway for a new restaurant in Roosevelt Center. Cedars of Lebanon will open in the space that was occupied by Curves.

Greenbelters Join Crowded Hoyer Meeting in Lanham

by Amy Hansen

Congressmen Steny Hoyer and Anthony Brown, who together represent all of Prince George’s County, held a joint town meeting on February 21. Held in the Diyanet Center of America, the teaching mosque on Good Luck Road in Lanham, the auditorium held over 200 people, including at least 10 Greenbelters.

Hoyer and Brown pledged resistance to the hateful speech and actions in our country since the election of President Trump. Hoyer named several recent executive orders that threaten Hispanic and Muslim communities, adding these actions are a threat to everyone. “Discrimination against one is discrimination against all of us.”



Greenbelters Jean and Diana Turkiewicz attend Steny Hoyer’s Town Hall meeting at the Diyanet Center of America in Lanham.

Campaign to Stop the Lakeside North Development

Please Attend the “Listening Session” with Todd Turner

Tuesday February 28, 2017, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Municipal Building (Council Room) at 25 Crescent Road

Todd Turner represents the City of Greenbelt on the Prince Georges County Council. The City of Greenbelt is one of the municipalities included in District 4. The “Listening Session” will provide an update on District 4 priorities and achievements, and a discussion of issues that are important to us and our community.

On February 11 the Greenbelt City Council (City Council), in response to our request, agreed to send a letter to David Hillman, president of Southern Management and owner of Lakeside North Apartments, expressing the City Council’s serious opposition to the proposed Lakeside North Development and any changes to the zoning of the land that would allow for its development. **Our request also asked our City Council to write to Todd Turner.**

It is **unlikely** that the Prince George’s County Council would go against our City Council’s serious opposition. **But it is important** that we now hear our City Council express their opposition to Todd Turner.

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